

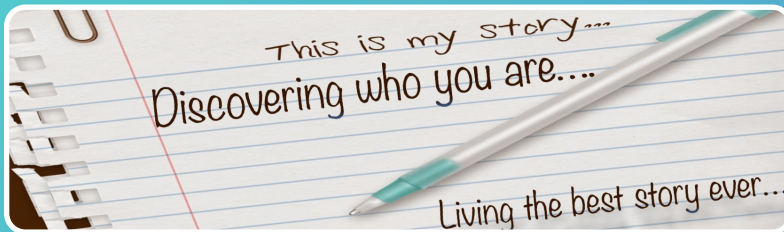
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# EXTREME FAITH

Doing  
Something  
Together!

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Take me home!



TEAMWORK  
MAKES THE  
DREAM  
WORK

## WHAT WE CAN ACHIEVE!

When we work together...

When I was in middle school it started, and then it continued in high school, and yes it was there in college. It was never my wish it wasn't something that I dreamed up. It was put on my and I had no choice. Group projects. Arghh! You know where you have to work with other classmates and achieve a common task. You know the way it is supposed to work, everyone does their part and then the work is graded all together. I was never very comfortable depending on other people. I just want to get it done and do it right the way that I see it, not having to give into other peoples ideas. I am sure that you have experienced it in your life as well and if you haven't yet before you leave middle school it will happen. So what is the deal with group projects and working together? For me it comes down to this. When I look back to my school years I realize that we never ever worked together. We fought each other and in the end the strongest personality usually ended up doing all the work and we never truly understood team work. That is why I

never enjoyed having group projects. Now fast forward to my life today, and I enjoy working with others and doing things in a collective vision. What changed, I will be honest the thing that changed was me. I came to a place in my life that allowed me to not be threatened by other ideas. Check out what God has to say about working together... **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12** **9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! 11 Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? 12 And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.** We are stronger when we work together as a team. When we seek to do something that is worth doing it is better to do it with others. We are stronger and we are better. It has been said that Team work makes the dream work... Continued on page 3

*Would you rather...?*

...work alone or work with a team?

...do a small part with a team and achieve big things, or work alone and achieve small things?

Living Extreme means...

Getting things done at all cost. To truly get things done we have to work as a team. As the world around us changes and it is changing fast, we need all the more to work together. Setting a common goal in front of a group of people is what make a team develop and rise to the challenge. If you had no goal, no target to reach then you would never become a team. You would only be a group of people and most likely a group of people where everyone was doing their own thing. Living extreme is all about the goal and the purpose that you are living behind. Why do you get out of bed each morning? Is it for the future that you hope to have someday? I hope not. I get out of bed each day because of the goal that I have for that day and that goal is tied to many other goals. We have to have goals and purpose to make each day count. So what is making your days count?

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# DIG IN

What are you not okay with?

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How will you change that thing?

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What will it cost you to make that change?

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What does this say about you?

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What other situations can you think of that are better when there is more than one person involved?

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Why do you think that God created us to be in community and work with others?

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# CHARACTER

Character is developed by who you are and nothing defines you more than what are you not okay with? We let a lot of things go, but what are the things that you are not okay with...

*I'm not okay with*

What you are not okay with says more about your character than what you are okay with. We tend to do something about the things that we are not



**FEED MY SHEEP**  
~Serving The Homeless~

Feed My Sheep works in our valley to help so many people in different ways. Here are some of the facts about Feed My Sheep:

Feed My Sheep Ministry provides the basic necessities for the survival of the local homeless in the Roaring Fork Valley and surrounding counties. We offer love, compassion, encouragement and hope for their futures. Our mission is to aid the homeless in reaching self sufficiency through case management and substance abuse programs.

## EVALUATION & IMPACT

It is difficult to evaluate the homeless population because they are constantly moving. We do track the number of homeless that visit us on a daily basis and the number of visits during a year's time. Feed My Sheep also keeps records those working, how many received permanent housing and who has attained sobriety. They do not like to share information about their lives but through trust we are learning more and more about why they are in this position. In the last two years, many have opened up about their past and they share about families, what went wrong and their dreams. If we can get one or more to have a life changing experience in their lives and move to self-sufficiency it is worthwhile.

- In 2011 we served 231 individuals for a total of 8,494 visits
- In 2012 we served 249 individuals for a total of 8,643 visits
- In 2013 we served 52 guests for a total visits of 9,129
- In our Day Program we are assisting an average of 41-46 individuals in our Day Center
- In February of 2013 we had several days of over 50 guests
- During the Winter Overnight Program (November 15 to March 15) we housed a total of 2,847 men and women.
- Feed My Sheep helped 16 low-income families with food assistance
- 26 people acquired permanent housing from 2012-2013
- 18 guests were assisted with ID's and birth certificates
- 39 individuals received funding for medical, dental and prescriptions

This is an awesome organization and they need our help, they need your help!

They need more food to fill their storage facility in GWS. So we are going to help them by producing a food drive through our schools and church.

We are going to have to work as a team and we are going to have to do something bigger than ourselves. We are going to need all kinds of teams, that come together to make this happen.

Here is a list of the teams that we will need:

Poster design, T- Shirt design, Button design, Commercial crew, Research crew, Collection set design crew, Crew to present overall concept to school staff/leadership, Web design/ developers..... I am sure that there will be more as we get the ball rolling but this is a good start for now.

## Think about it...

Working together means that you are working on something that is bigger than you because it involves other people besides you. That is pretty cool. We live in a culture that tends to isolate us and makes us believe that we can do it all on our own. But that is not the culture that God designed us to live in. We need other people to help us and inspire us. When we work as a team we are able to do bigger things. We are able to achieve so much more.



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...we all want to do something that is great with our lives. May be we have tried and failed. Sometimes we fail not because the thing that we are trying to do can't be done. But maybe the thing that we are trying to do can't be done alone. God has given us people all around us who are good at different things. When we bring all the people together with a common goal, it is amazing. Things get done, new ideas come our way, and the whole process is awesome! Working together as a team, supporting each other is awesome and that is the way God has set up the life that we are to live. Nothing enriches the story of your life more than team work, achieving a common goal together. So as you write the story of your life, make it a point to include others.

**Capture this experience in your thoughts as you go through it...**

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